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The Honorable Glenn English, Chairman Subcommittee on Government Information, Justice and Agriculture Committee on Government Operations House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in response to your request in our telephone conversation of 5 May 1987 for an unclassified statement that could be used in the record of your hearings on 8 May regarding the National Drug Policy Board. I appreciate the opportunity you and your subcommittee have provided us to put in writing, and for the record, this Agency's experience with the National Drug Policy Board and its predecessor organization, the National Drug Enforcement Policy Board.

As you know, the National Drug Enforcement Policy Board, created by the National Narcotics Act of 1984, called for the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) to be a member of that organization. When the new and expanded National Drug Policy Board was created on 26 March 1987 by a Presidential Executive Order, it similarly called for membership by the DCI.

I believe that the DCI's membership on the National Drug Policy Board, hereafter referred to as the Board, is entirely proper and consistent with the laws and policies that define CIA's proscribed relationships with law enforcement agencies. While the National Security Act of 1947 prohibits CIA from exercising police or law enforcement powers and bars the Agency from undertaking any activity solely for law enforcement purposes, it does not preclude the dissemination of intelligence by CIA to law enforcement agencies that is relevant to their authorized responsibilities.

In a similar vein, it should be noted that Executive Order 12333, as implemented by internal CIA procedures approved by the Attorney General and the DCI, authorized CIA to collect, retain, and disseminate information concerning the foreign aspects of international narcotics activities. Also under E.O.

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12333, CIA may provide limited assistance to law enforcement agencies if there is an independent intelligence interest in conducting such activities.

Finally, and certainly relevant to the issue at hand, subsequent guidance from the President in April 1986 directed the DCI to enhance support for the enforcement effort against international drug traffickers and to ensure that special emphasis is given to obtaining, assessing, and reporting foreign intelligence on all aspects of the international drug trade.

Over the past two plus years, the experience of the CIA with the Board has been a positive one. For its part, the Agency representatives at the Board and subgroup activities, e.g., the National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics is a member of the Drug Enforcement Coordinating Group, perceive themselves as appropriately involved and contributing to those Board issues calling for a strategic intelligence input. While not a substitute for the necessary bilateral interactions between the Agency and the Department of State or the Agency and the key law enforcement agencies, the Board's activities, nevertheless, provide a vital forum for registering strategic intelligence and national security insights and requirements before the entire mix of concerned organizations. Also, the Board appears to be the proper forum before which the Agency can present its worldwide drug threat assessment and, in so doing, set the strategic agenda for the participating agencies.

Not all of the issues presented to the Board are matters toward which the Agency can make particularly meaningful contributions, i.e., drug demand reduction problems, the shortage of jail cells, etc. On the other hand, where we can contribute on matters bearing upon the international aspects of the national drug strategy, we always strive to provide products of the highest quality and professionalism. I sincerely believe that our regular worldwide drug threat briefings and the work done on the recently-completed intelligence sections of the "National and International Drug Law Enforcement Strategy" are examples falling into that category.

Pursuant to your request, I am arranging for you to receive a classified document which will portray the nature of the sensitive support we have been providing to the Department of State and to the drug law enforcement agencies.

Sincerely,
/s/ David D. Gries

David D. Gries
Director of Congressional Affairs

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April 28, 1987

The Honorable Robert M. Gates Acting Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

The Anti-Drug Abuse Act (Public Law 99-570) provided for increased funding and expanded responsibilities for drug law enforcement, education, treatment, and prevention activities. As provided in the 1984 National Narcotics Act, it is the responsibility of the National Drug Enforcement Policy Board to coordinate and improve policy development among Federal agencies in our nation's war on drugs.

During the 100th Congress, the Subcommittee on Government Information, Justice, and Agriculture will continue its series of oversight hearings on federal efforts against drug abuse. On May 8, 1987, the subcommittee will conduct a hearing to review and examine the response of the Drug Policy Board to the provisions of Public Law 99-570. I request that you, or your designated representative, appear at that time before the subcommittee to join with other members of the Board to review the most recent developments and activities of the Drug Policy Board's efforts.

The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building. Committee rules require that witnesses provide prepared statements in advance of the hearing. Please deliver 50 copies to the subcommittee office, B-349C Rayburn Building, by noon, Thursday, May 7.

Inquiries may be directed to Don Goldberg or Jim McDonald of the subcommittee staff, 225-3741.

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The Honorable Charles B. Rangel Chairman Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control House of Representatives Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Acting Director has asked me to respond to your letter of March 9th concerning the Committee's relationship with the Agency in performing its oversight responsibilities in the areas of drug trafficking and drug abuse.

While the Agency is unable to discuss sensitive research in a public hearing, we will continue to share the results of our classified research with the Committee. We believe this is an area where we can be helpful to the Committee, and we look forward to continuing to work together.

This letter is also being sent to Ranking Minority Member Gilman.

Sincerely,

David D. Gries Director of Congressional Affairs

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The Honorable Robert Gates Acting Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

As Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, we are writing to request your assistance in helping us perform our oversight responsibilities in the areas of drug trafficking and drug abuse.

As you know, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-570) created numerous new programs and responsibilities to assist in the fight against drug trafficking and drug abuse. While you have been charged with the implementation of some of these initiatives, the Select Committee must continue to monitor this increasing flow of information in a timely and efficient manner.

We are, therefore, urgently requesting that you make every effort to keep us fully informed in advance, if possible, of drug-related meetings, press conferences, announcements publications, and other related activities and developments. Such communication will help keep us fully informed, and will improve cooperation between the Executive and Legislative branches that is so essential for effective drug policy and program formulation.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this effort.

We are

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

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March 6, 1987

Mr. Robert Gates Acting Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gates:

The Foreign Relations Committee staff, under the direction of the Committee, is currently investigating a number of issues related to U.S. policy with respect to arms transfers, drug trafficking, money laundering, terrorism and Western Hemisphere affairs.

In order to facilitate this Committee activity, we would appreciate your providing the Committee with copies of the following documents: SNIE-81-8-86-L and SNIE-81-84.

We would appreciate an expeditious reply to this request.

Sincerely,

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